

Summary Information on Baltic Sections of
Soviet-Satellite Oil Pipeline

[REDACTED] the USSR plans to construct two pipelines to Baltic Sea ports. One pipeline, to terminate at Klaipeda, probably will be used for crude oil. The second pipeline, to terminate at Ventspils, may be used to transport petroleum products. Although actual diameters of these pipelines are not known, it is currently estimated that the pipeline to Klaipeda will be 24 inches in diameter and the pipeline to Ventspils - 20 inches in diameter. Total carrying capacity of these two lines would then approximate 400,000 barrels per day or 20 million metric tons per year.

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Construction has not yet begun on these pipelines, but installation of pipe on the section from Unecha to Polotsk reportedly is under way. Relatively short distances are involved in these construction projects and it is probable that both will be completed for use by the end of the Seven Year Plan.

Installation of facilities at the refinery located in Polotsk has been proceeding for some time and it is probable that the first units of the refinery may be in production in 1963. There has been some indication that a refinery is to be constructed at Ventspils and more recently, the USSR has indicated the planned construction of a refinery at an unidentified site in Lithuania, to be charged with crude oil carried by the line to terminate at Klaipeda.

For your information, the National Petroleum Council, an industry advisory group, is preparing a detailed survey of the oil industries of each of the countries of the Sino-Soviet Bloc. The report, entitled "Impact of Soviet Oil Exports on the Free World", is nearing completion and may be available for distribution to the public within two months.

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